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SUBJECT: WATER RESOURCES TRADE MISSION TO MIDDLE EAST

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1. ATRICLE IN JANUARY 4 WIRELESS FILE INDICATES THAT
TWEVEL US BUSINESSMEN SPECIALIZING IN WATER RESOURCES FIELD,
ACCOMPANIED BY ALBERT J. PLANAGAN (AIC) OF CANGE, ARE
TRAVELLING TO SAUDI ARABIA, AUE, AND IRAQ JAN. 18-22 TO
INVESTIGAE MARKET FOR THEIR EXPERTISE, TECHNOLOGY AND
EQUIPMENE. THIS IS FIRST INFORMATION RECEIVED IN AMMAN
REGARDING SUBJECT TRADE MISSION.

2. IF IT APPEARS APPORTIATE TO PLANAGAN AND TRADE MISSION
MEMBERS, WE SUGGEST BRIEF VISIT TO AMAMN FOLLOWING IRAQ
MAY BE WORTHWHILE FOR SOME OR ALL MISSION MEMBERS. JORDAN'S
1976-1980 FIVE YEAR PLAN CALLS FOR EXPENDITURE OF \$290
MILLION ON DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES.
ALMOST ALL OF THIS AMOUNT IS TO BE EXPENDED BY PUBLIC SECTOR.
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OF TOTAL OF \$290 MILLION, WE ESTIMATE THAT SOMETHING OVER
\$230 MILLION HAS NOT BEEN OBLIGATED BY GOJ AS YET.
INCLUDED IN LATTER FIGURE ARE MAQARIN DAM (FEASIBILITY STUDY
UNDERWAY)--\$76 MILLION, IRRIGATION ASSOCIATED WITH MAQARIN
DAM--\$40 MILLION, INSTALLATION OF SPRINKLERS IN CONNECTION
WITH MAQARIN--\$27 MILLION, AND DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

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\$58 MILLION.

3. IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT ABOVE REPRESENTS RATHER AMBITIOUS PLAN FOR JORDAN, AND COMPLETION WILL BE DEPENDENT IN LARGE MEASURE ON OBTAINING FOREIGN AID FINANCING. ALTHOUGH IT UNLIKELY THAT MISSION MEMBERS COULD FINALIZE ANY CONTRACTS DURING VISIT HERE AT THIS TIME, THEY MIGHT FIND IT USEFUL TO BE INTRODUCED TO MARKET. FURTHER, SINCE GOJ PROCUREMENT IS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH JORDANIAN AGENTS, INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE AGENCY RELATIONSHIPS FOR FUTURE SALES AND CURRENT MARKETINFORMATION COULD BE OF INTEREST.

4. DESPITE LATE START, WE BELIEVE WE CAN ARRANGE SUITABLE APPOINTMENTS, HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS, ETC. IF ANY MISSION MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN VISITING AMMAN. WE ALSO NOTE THAT FLT. RB 362 DEPARTS BAGHDAD 1010 HRS. EVERY SUNDAY (JAN. 23 IN THIS CASE), ARRIVING DAMASCUS AT 1035 HRS. AND 1445 HRS., ARRIVING AMMAN 1520 HRS. FOR RETURN TO US THERE IS EVERY WEDNESDAY (I.E. JAN. 26 IN THIS CASE) RJ 111 DEPARTING AMMAN 1200 HRS., ARRIVING LONDON 1545 HRS. AND PA 001 DEPARTING LONDON 1800 HRS., ARRIVING NYC 2050 HRS.

5. IF ANY MEMBERS OF MISSION ARE INTERESTED IN VISITING JORDAN, WE WILL NEED TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE EXACTLY WHAT THEIR INTERESTS ARE. PLEASE ASK PLANAGAN TO ADVISE ASAP.
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